

The Upper Falls News

This is the first edition of the Upper Falls News, an email newsletter that covers what's going on in our village. The Upper Falls News is brought to you courtesy of the Upper Falls Area Council but it's intended to cover any and all news in the village. If you have any upcoming events, activities, news or stories related to Upper Falls just send them to info@UpperFallsNews.org and we'll include them in the next newsletter.

Upper Falls Area Council - The newly formed, and just elected Upper Falls Area Council was sworn in at last week's Upper Falls Soup Social (see below). The Area Council's job is to be the city's adviser and conduit for all Upper Falls related issues. The Area Council will be meeting monthly (7PM on 3rd Thursday of month at the Emerson Community Center) and the public is welcome. Here's the lineup of councilors and their email addresses:

Anil Adyanthaya, Tamarac Rd - adyanthaya@aol.com

Marie Jackson, Spring St - MarieJacksn@netscape.net

Jack Neville, High St - jjneville@comcast.net

Betsy Hewitt, Winter St - betsyhewitt@yahoo.com

Mark Bridger, Champa St - mark_bridger@yahoo.com

Susan Huffman, Indiana Terrace - shuffman@pai2.com

Dave Ohanian, Columbia Ave - dohanian45@gmail.com

Jeff Riklin, High St - reirik@yahoo.com

Nina Kochs, Cottage St

They already have a [Facebook page](#) and will soon have a web page where you'll be able to follow the issues that they're working on.

Upper Falls Greenway Public Meeting - The Area Council will be holding a meeting at 3 PM on Sunday afternoon, Feb 12th to gauge neighborhood support for the Upper Falls Greenway project. This will be a very important meeting for the fate of the project so everyone with any interest is urged to attend. Representatives from the Newton Bicycle/Pedestrian Task Force will describe the project in detail, and representatives from various city departments will be on hand to answer questions about public safety, maintenance, planning, etc. At the end of the meeting, the Council will vote whether or

not to support the construction of the Greenway.

The [Upper Falls Greenway](#), is a plan to convert the abandoned rail line behind Needham St into a mile long walking, bicycling, jogging path. The trail will start behind National Lumber and run to the river, with a possible spur over to the railroad bridge on Christina St. Read all about it on the [Greenway's web site](#) and if it sound's good to you, sign their [on-line petition](#) in support.

Alice in Countryside - Many of our Upper Falls kids will be featured in [next week's production of Alice in Wonderland](#) at Countryside School. Shows are at 4 PM on Saturday Feb 4 and 2 PM on Sunday Feb 5. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$5 for children

Soup Social a Success - On Jan 21, the new Area Council threw a party for the neighborhood - a free Soup Social with a selection of soups donated from local businesses. Somewhere between 80-100 people turned up despite the afternoon snow. Neighbors met the new councilors and each other and a fine time was had by all. The night was put together courtesy of generous donations from the Newton Upper Falls CDC, Dunn Gaherins, Bob's Sub Stop, Whole Foods and Fresh City.

Friends of Hemlock Gorge - The [Friends of Hemlock Gorge](#) are a community group dedicated to preserving and improving Hemlock Gorge (the park below Echo Bridge). They meet once a month and always welcome new members. At their December meeting, they voted to contribute the necessary funds to install windows in the [Stone Barn](#), the historic stone building in the park near Rt 9. The DCR will do the work in the spring and will match the Friends contribution 2 to 1. Next meeting is at 7:30, Tues Feb 7 at the Emerson Community Center.

Smallest House in Newton - Local resident Jerry Reilly has been writing occasional blog columns for the Newton Patch called "Dispatch From Upper Falls" Here's a [recent column](#) about an unusual Upper Falls house that you've almost certainly driven past.

Spread The Word - Our goal is to collect email addresses from every resident of Upper Falls as well as anyone else who's interested in the village. Please help spread the word and urge your friends, family and neighbors to sign up for The Upper Fall News. They can

sign up by going to UpperFallsNews.org or pressing the link below, so please forward this email to every one in Upper Falls.

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The History of Upper Falls' Catholic Church - NewTV produced a half hour documentary a while ago about the Mary Immaculate of Lourdes church (corner of Oak and Elliot Sts). The program is narrated by Upper Falls alderman Brian Yates and is part of their "Newton History Project". They've been rerunning it recently on the NewTV cable channel but its also available [on-line, on-demand here](#).

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